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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A selectable recording device for providing recording options to record a particular program event, the device comprising:

a storage device configured to store program information received from an input source, wherein the program information comprises a plurality of program events, wherein each program event is associated with a set of available content streams, **wherein the available content streams include at least two content streams selected from the group comprising a primary audio stream, an alternate audio stream, a video stream, a data stream, and a closed caption stream**; and

a processor configured to:

provide a user option to select a desired subset of the set of available content streams associated with the particular program event for recording, wherein the subset excludes at least one available content stream from the associated set of available content streams; and

receive user input indicating the desired subset of available content streams for recording.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The selectable recording device of claim 21, wherein the desired subset of available content streams includes no more than two types of the following types of content streams: an audio stream, a video stream, and a data stream.

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24. (Previously Presented) The selectable recording device of claim 21, further comprising a decryption device configured to decrypt scrambled programming.

25. (Previously Presented) The selectable recording device of claim 21, wherein the program information comprises an MPEG transport stream, further wherein the processor determines an available content stream by parsing at least one MPEG table within the transport.

26. (Previously Presented) The selectable recording device of claim 25, wherein the processor is further configured to identify at least one available packet identifier that represents at least one available content stream within the transport stream.

27. (Previously Presented) The selectable recording device of claim 21, further comprising at least one decoder configured to decode at least one available content stream.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for providing recording options to a user, comprising:

receiving program information, wherein the program information comprises a plurality of program events, wherein each program event is associated with a set of available content streams, **wherein the available content streams include at least two content streams selected from the group comprising a primary audio stream, an alternate audio stream, a video stream, a data stream, and a closed caption stream;**

providing a user option to select a desired subset of the set of available content streams associated with a particular program event for recording, wherein the subset excludes at least one available content stream from the associated set of available content streams; and

receiving user input indicating the desired subset of available content streams for recording.

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29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the desired subset ~~program information~~ comprises the alternate audio stream and excludes the primary audio stream ~~at least one of the following content streams: an audio stream, a video stream, and a data stream.~~

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the desired subset of available content streams includes no more than two types of the following types of content streams: an audio stream, a video stream, and a data stream.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising decrypting at least a portion of the received program information.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the program information includes an MPEG transport stream, the method further comprising:

identifying available packet identifiers that represent available streams within the transport stream; and

determining an available content stream by parsing at least one MPEG table within the transport stream.

33. (Currently Amended) A system for providing recording options to a user comprising:

a receiver configured to receive program information from an input source, the program information comprising a plurality of programs, wherein each program comprises one or more program events, wherein each program event is associated with a set of available content streams, wherein the available content streams include at least two content streams selected from the group comprising a primary audio stream, an alternate audio stream, a video stream, a data stream, and a closed caption stream; and

a control system configured to:

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provide a user option to select a desired subset of the set of available content streams associated with a particular program event for recording, wherein the subset excludes at least one available content stream from the associated set of available content streams; and

receive a user command indicating the desired subset of available content streams for recording.

34. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 33, wherein the desired subset ~~program information~~ comprises the alternate audio stream and excludes the primary audio stream ~~at least one of the following content streams: an audio stream, a video stream, and a data stream.~~

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the desired subset of available content streams includes no more than two types of the following types of content streams: an audio stream, a video stream, and a data stream.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, further comprising a modulator configured to receive the subset of desired available content streams and associate the at least one content stream with a predefined frequency.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 36, wherein the control system is further configured to communicate information to the modulator from the user device.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the program information comprises an MPEG transport stream, the system further comprising:

a reverse path coupled to the control system, the reverse path configured to communicate user input to the control system; and

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a distribution system configured to communicate the desired subset of available content streams to the user device.